



MINUTES

Social Enterprise Board

Monday the 21st of October 2019 at 10:00hrs, No.1 Befriending Agency, 51 Cadogan Street,
1 Cadogan Square, Glasgow

Attendance – **Cllr Rhiannon Spear (CRS), Elizabeth Docherty (ED), Cllr Robert Connolly (CRC), Robbie Norval (RN), Mark McRitchie (MMcR), Michael Matovu (MM), Cllr Allan Young (CAY), Cllr Graham Campbell (CGC), Morag Sweeney (MS), Audrey Mutongi (AM)**

In attendance - **Paul Morris (PM), Mike McNally (MMcN)**

Agenda Item 1.	Action
ED welcomed all to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	
Jacqueline Lamb (JL), Darah Zahran (DZ), Alan Davidson (AD)	
3. Minutes	
The minutes were accepted as accurate by Board members	
4. Matters Arising	
None. AM provided an informative introductory presentation to the SEB.	
5. Action Plan: Update from Sub-groups	
Board members were issued with paper updates from each of the four Sub-Groups, which were supported by verbal feedback from each Sub-Group. PM updated the Board on the work of Sub Group 1. Two proposals for funded activity were tabled: the first, that funding support for the Dragon's Den school contest and development work, be borne by the SEB. This is envisaged to be £2,000. The Board agreed that this be undertaken and that ongoing support work with school-based social enterprises is developed; the second proposal, from a social enterprise which engages with school-aged young people to develop social entrepreneurialism, was received relatively positively by Board members. However it was noted that procurement regulations should be adhered to ahead of any work. SG1 was tasked with drafting a project brief.	SG1
ED explained the work undertaken by Sub Group 2. The SG made a number of recommendations on Action 2.1, contained in papers, relating to the CSEF which were discussed and approved by the Board. The Board agreed not to	SG2/GCC

<p>accept the proposed fifth Theme, to look at an awareness event and to recommend that the CSEF be opened in November 2019 with a closing date of January 2020. Full changes to be in place in time for new financial year 2020/21. A paper is to be drafted for EDFP within GCC.</p> <p>PM updated the Board on the work of SG3. P4P, via SG3, had made a number of outline proposals for activity to support the sector in relation to procurement matters. It was agreed that any activity needed to be procured. SG3 were tasked with drafting a project brief.</p> <p>PM provided feedback on the work of SG4, which recommended a budget of up to £15,000 be set aside for activity to support the development of a coherent communications plan and initial advertising. There was discussion around key messaging and how to reflect the diversity of the sector.</p>	<p>SG3</p> <p>SG4</p>
<p>6. Scottish National Investment Bank – Possible Board Response</p>	
<p>PM introduced the paper and sought comments from Board Members. The following areas were raised for consideration as part of a response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM called for practical interest rates • RN flagged need to tackle perception of debt in sector • MMcR noted: Scottish Government position re move toward loans; loans and gearing is flawed, and; loans do not do the sector justice • CGC asked whether a proportion could be set aside for social enterprise? Also noted that BAME applicants less likely to have borrowing applications approved <p>CRS asked who would be responsible for drafting. ED noted that GSEN had contributed to a similar paper and would be happy to support development. PM indicated that GCC would lead on drafting and liaise with SEB members prior to submission.</p>	<p>GSEN/GCC</p>
<p>7. Scottish Government Action Plan 2, 2020-2023: Discussion</p>	
<p>ED opened discussions by summarising the current position at Scottish Government level. New Action Plan expected in the spring of 2020. Following discussion, it was agreed that ED would arrange a roundtable-type discussion with Chris Raftery of the Scottish Government, to try and have Glasgow's voice heard in development stage.</p>	<p>GSEN</p>
<p>8. Consideration of Applications to Join the Board</p>	
<p>Following discussion of the single application received, from Ian Mitchell of CEiS, the quality of the application was noted. However it was agreed that, on this occasion, the application would be declined at this time.</p> <p>It was agreed to re-advertise the vacancy.</p>	<p>GCC/GSEN</p>
<p>9. Discussion of Wider Issues Affecting Glasgow's Social Enterprise Sector</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PM highlighted Prof. Michael Roy's Professorial Lecture on the evening of the 12th of November - ED noted that it was the same evening as the Social Enterprise Scotland awards. Glasgow City Council has been shortlisted for an award in the Market Builder category. - ED raised the ESF Employability tender, which will open shortly. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ED highlighted the Glasgow Community Fund and the opportunities it presents for social enterprises. - MMcR flagged the Scottish Government consultation on changes to Freedom of Information requests and the potential impact on social enterprises. Consultation closes on 22nd November 2019. - ED mentioned Brexit and lack of discussion around its potential impact on social enterprise. - MMcR noted the lack of information on the UK Government's proposed Shared prosperity funding mechanism. 	
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday the 13th of January 2020. The venue will be confirmed in due course.</p>	